

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28, 30 and 41-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 12, 23 and 41 are amended, claims 10, 21, 29 and 46 are cancelled. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 and Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28, 30 and 41-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gutheridge et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,393,557 in view of Nakamura, U.S. Patent No. 6,044,425.

Applicant continues to seek expeditious issuance of a patent containing claims directed to subject matter found allowable by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant has rewritten claims 1, 12, 23 and 41 to present allowable claims 10, 21, 29 and 46, respectfully, in independent form. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-15, 17-20, 22-26, 28, 30 and 41-44 are patentable and allowance of these claims is requested.

However, Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejections of claims 1-9, 11-20, 22-28 and 30-45, as originally presented or thereafter amended, under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, and reserves the right to present claims drawn to the same or similar subject matter for consideration in a continuing application. Moreover, Applicant continues to reserve the right to withdraw the present amendment and any previous amendments and traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, should the Patent Office assert additional new grounds for rejection of the claims presently indicated as being allowable.

CONCLUSION

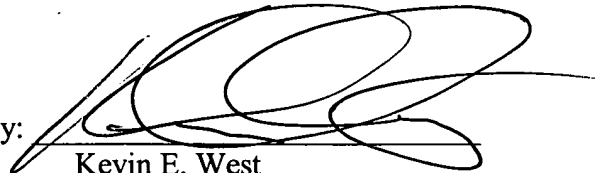
The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance of all claims. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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